

January 14, 2009

Mr. Frederick S. Purnell, Sr., Executive Director
Wilmington Housing Authority
400 North Walnut Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Mr. Purnell:

I write on behalf of the State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) to determine if the Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA) is eligible to apply for the attached *HUD Notice of Funding Availability for Non-Elderly Persons With Disabilities Related to Certain Types of Section 8 Project-Based Developments and Sections 202, 221(d)(3) and 236 Developments (Certain Developments)*. If WHA is eligible for funding, SCPD strongly encourages the Authority to apply for such vouchers given that housing options for people with disabilities in Delaware are extremely limited.

As you may know, on November 28, 2008 HUD announced the availability of \$15 million in funding for approximately 2,000 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) for non-elderly disabled households. Vouchers provided under this NOFA will assist non-elderly disabled households that are not currently receiving housing assistance in certain HUD-assisted properties due to the owner's establishment of preferences or restrictions for occupancy to elderly families. The vouchers will enable non-elderly disabled households affected by these actions to access affordable housing. Eligible participants for Certain Developments include those non-elderly disabled households that are income eligible and were on the waiting list for a unit in the Certain Development provided preferences for or restricted occupancy to certain units. These households do not currently need to be on the PHA's Section 8 HCV waiting list to receive a Certain Developments voucher. Applications are due to HUD on January 30, 2009.

SCPD would appreciate a response regarding the status of WHA's eligibility, and intention to apply, for the aforementioned vouchers.

Thank for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniese McMullin-Powell
Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

cc: Ms. Sandra Tuttle
Ex order 50/nofa 1-09